

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Amendments

The Applicants have amended claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-27 and 29-31; cancelled claims 4, 11 and 28; and added claims 32-37. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-27 and 29-37 remain pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2. Priority

As required by 35 U.S.C. §119(b), Applicant submits herewith a certified copy of the Swedish patent application from which priority is claimed.

3.) Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner stated that the Information Disclosure Statement filed on 4/9/01 fails to comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), alleging that a copy of each reference was not submitted. The Applicant asserts that a copy of each reference was submitted and that such copies must have been misplaced within the USPTO. The Applicants submit herewith a duplicate copy of each of those references and request that the Examiner consider each of those references prior to issuing a Notice of Allowance.

2.) Examiner Objections

a.) Specification

The Examiner objected to the Abstract of the Disclosure and the disclosure. Applicants have corrected the errors noted by the Examiner.

b.) Claims

The Examiner objected to Claims 1-31 for various informalities. The Applicants have amended the claims as necessary to correct any errors.

3.) Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner objected to Claims 4, 5, 8-10, 13-25 and 28-31 as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but indicated such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims. The Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that those claims would be allowable if redrafted in independent form. Accordingly, the Applicants have made the following amendments to the claims:

1.) The Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 4. Therefore, claim 1 is now allowable. Furthermore, whereas claims 2-3 and 5-26 are dependent from claim 1, and include the limitations thereof, those claims are also now allowable.

2.) The Applicants have amended independent claim 27 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 28. Therefore, claim 27 is now allowable. Furthermore, whereas claims 29-31 are dependent from claim 27, and include the limitations thereof, those claims are also now allowable.

3.) The Applicants have added claim 32, which includes the original limitations of independent claim 1 and the allowable subject matter of claim 8. Therefore, claim 32 is allowable.

4.) The Applicants have added claim 33, which includes the original limitations of independent claim 1 and the allowable subject matter of claim 13. Therefore, claim 33 is allowable.

5.) The Applicants have added claim 34, which includes the original limitations of independent claim 1 and the allowable subject matter of claim 22. Therefore, claim 34 is allowable.

6.) The Applicants have added claim 35, which includes the original limitations of independent claim 1 and the allowable subject matter of claim 23. Therefore, claim 35 is allowable.

7.) The Applicants have added claim 36, which includes the original limitations of independent claim 1 and the allowable subject matter of claim 25. Therefore, claim 36 is allowable.

8.) The Applicants have added claim 37, which includes the original limitations of independent claim 27 and the allowable subject matter of claim 30. Therefore, claim 37 is allowable.

4.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner rejected Claim 11 for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants regard as the invention. Claim 11 has been cancelled and, therefore, the Examiner's rejection is moot.

5.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103 (a)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 6, 7, 12, 26 and 27 as being unpatentable over Taniguchi, *et al.* (US 5,929,921). In view of the amendments to independent claims 1 and 27 to include the allowable subject matter of claims 4 and 28, respectively, the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-3, 6, 7, 12, 26 and 27 is moot.

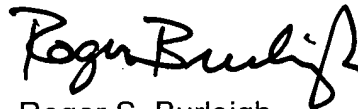
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants believe all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and objections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-27 and 29-37.

The Applicants request a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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ABSTRACT

The invention is concerned with a method and an apparatus, wherein information data is sent between at least two transceivers in a telecommunication system. The information data is transmitted from the sender of a transceiver to the receiver of one or more other transceivers in form of digital signals having a given sampling frequency. The signals are played out by the receiver in a controlled way. The invention is mainly characterized by estimation of the sender's sampling rate at the sending side of a transceiver, transmitting the estimation to the receiving side of an another transceiver, and controlling the playout of the information data at the receiving side by means of the sampling rate estimated at the sending side to avoid delays and/or interrupts in the presentation. The invention is especially suitable in connection with packet based networks wherein the information data is sent between the transceivers in the telecommunication system in form of packet data frames, such as audio frames.